

**Dr. Joseph P. Lawrence, III**  
**Director of Transition**  
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Joseph P. Lawrence, III, received a B.S.E.E. from the University of Maryland, College Park, an M.S.E. from Princeton University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, College Park, all in Electrical Engineering.

Dr. Lawrence started his career as a member of the technical staff at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C., in 1966, initially with the Radar Division, working on a variety of radar and multi-sensor integration projects. He later joined the NRL Tactical Electronic Warfare (EW) Division, where he was responsible for anti-ship missile engagement modeling development and applications, as well as a large variety of Electronic Warfare (EW) systems analyses, development, and evaluation efforts as Head of the Advanced EW Systems Section. Subsequently, as Head of the Surface Electronic Warfare Systems Branch, he was responsible for research and development of systems and techniques spanning the full timeline of surface EW engagement.



Dr. Lawrence was selected to be the ONR Manager for the Fleet/Force Protection Future Naval Capability (FNC) initiative in 2000, where he was responsible for a wide range of applied S&T including platform signatures, sensors, HM&E, and defensive weapons. He was appointed as the Director of the ONR Surveillance, Communications and Electronic Combat Division (ONR 313) in September 2001. In this latter position he was responsible for performance of DoN S&T in the areas of surveillance (RF and EO/IR), communications, navigation (including GPS), and electronic warfare.

In 2004 he was detailed as Associate Technical Director - Transitions (ATD-T) for the Office of Naval Research, and as such has responsibility within ONR for approximately one third of the DoN S&T budget, including FNCs and ACTDs.

In 2005 he was formally selected as the ATD-T, which has since been re-titled as the Director of Transitions. He is a member of the Federal Senior Executive Service.

